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1. The electric transformer which controls the electric network of the Jachymov Mines (N51/K60) is located at the northern edge of the town of Ostrov near Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad - N51/P69), on the left side of the county highway leading to Kfely (Gfell - N51/P68). Nearby are the last two houses of the town of Ostrov, one of them an uninhabited two-story house and another a one-story house in which the custodian of the transformer lives. The transformer is located ten meters beyond the last house.
2. The transformer converts current from 110 to 22 kilovolts with a capacity of 15 mva/15,000 kilowatts (sic) in the Western Bohemian Electric Works. It is built underground on a large concrete block, measuring 25 by 50 meters. During construction 70 tons of concrete were used. Twelve power line towers which transmit the power directly to Jachymov are located above ground. In all Czechoslovakia there are only three transformers of this type. According to [redacted] the one at Ostrov is not guarded very carefully.
3. Just beyond the town of Jachymov in the direction of Bozi Dar (Gottesgab - N51/K61) a transformer of even greater capacity is being built underground. The installation and ventilating equipment has already begun. The new transformer will be for the exclusive use of the mines.
4. The main asphalt highway from Ostrov to Jachymov is now in such a bad condition that it has been closed for traffic pending repairs and all freight traffic into and out of Jachymov across Ostrov is being routed over a network of country highways covering Ostrov-Kfely-Ilubaky-Jachymov.

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